

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 37-82 are pending in the application, with 37, 38, 64, 65, and 82 being the independent claims. Claims 1-36 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 37-82 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-14, 16-21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. It is believed that the several and various rejections of the foregoing now-canceled claims are overcome by new claims 37-82. Reconsideration of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7, 13, 16-20, and 29-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,640,241 B1 to Ozzie *et al.* This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to new claims 37-82.

The present invention is directed to a peer-to-peer network. Nowhere does Ozzie teach or suggest a peer-to-peer network. The present invention, as defined in the new, as well as the canceled, claims is directed to a method and system for operating a computing device that is a peer. The devices disclosed in Ozzie are not peers.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that Ozzie does not teach or suggest the present invention as defined in the claims presented herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8-9 and 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being allegedly obvious over the combination of Ozzie in view of U.S. Patent 6,763,372 B1 to Dani *et al.* This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to new claims 37-82.

The above discussed defects of Ozzie as they relate to the present invention are not overcome by the teaching of Dani. There is no teaching in Dani of a peer-to-peer arrangement that would meet the requirements of the herein claimed invention.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the combination of Ozzie and Dani does not teach or suggest the present invention as defined in the claims presented herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-12 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being allegedly obvious over the combination of Ozzie in view of U.S. Patent 6,785,706 B1 to Horman. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to new claims 37-82.

The above discussed defects of Ozzie as they relate to the present invention are not overcome by the teaching of Horman. There is no teaching in Horman of a peer-to-peer arrangement that would meet the requirements of the herein claimed invention.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the combination of Ozzie and Horman does not teach or suggest the present invention as defined in the claims presented herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 14, 15 [sic] and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being allegedly obvious over the combination of Ozzie in view of U.S. Patent 5,835,726 to Shwed *et al.* This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to new claims 37-82.

The above discussed defects of Ozzie as they relate to the present invention are not overcome by the teaching of Shwed. There is no teaching in Shwed of a peer-to-peer arrangement that would meet the requirements of the herein claimed invention.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the combination of Ozzie and Shwed does not teach or suggest the present invention as defined in the claims presented herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

It is noted that claim 15 had been previously canceled prior to the current Office Action.

Claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being allegedly obvious over the combination of Ozzie in view of U.S. Published Appln. 20020107786 A1 to Lehman-Haupt *et al.* This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to new claims 37-82.

The above discussed defects of Ozzie as they relate to the present invention are not overcome by the teaching of Lehman-Haupt. There is no teaching in Lehman-Haupt of a peer-to-peer arrangement that would meet the requirements of the herein claimed invention.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the combination of Ozzie and Lehman-Haupt does not teach or suggest the present invention as defined in the claims

presented herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Other Matters

It is noted that the outstanding Office Action did not specifically act on Claim 36. However, in view of the cancellation of *inter alia* claim 36, no further action is believed necessary.

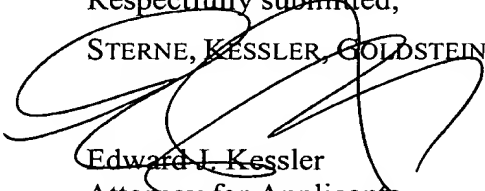
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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